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ABSTRACT

This collection aims to provide an introductory study of linguistic minorities in Central and Eastern Europe, taking into account historical development, present situation, language maintenance and shifts, as well as language and educational policies of the different countries in the area. The introduction (by Christina Bratt Paulston) discusses a theoretical framework of the contextual situations of language maintenance and shift in which linguistic minorities and bilingualism are found. Each chapter stands alone, but trends and generalizations emerge throughout the book with possibilities for model building and theory testing. Chapters include: "Linguistic Minorities in Austria" (Rudolf de Cillia, Florian Menz, Wolfgang U. Dressler, and Petra Cech); "Linguistic Minorities in the Balkans (Albania, Greece, and the Successor States of the former Yugoslavia)" (Hugh Poulton); "Ethnicity and the Nation: The Bulgarian Dilemma" (Bonka Boneva); "Linguistic Minorities in the Caucasus" (Sergei Arutiunov); "Linguistic Communities in the Czech Republic" (J. Nekvapil and J. V. Neustupny); "Linguistic Minorities in Hungary" (Anna Fenyvesi); "Republic of Latvia" (Ina Druviete); "Romania" (Peter Jordan); "Multilingual Russia and Its Soviet Heritage" (Harald Haarmann); and "Linguistic Minorities in Slovakia" (Martin Votruba). Each chapter contains extensive references. An index is included. (KFT)

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